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Peptides which are mimotopes of the hypervariable region 1 (HVR1) of the putative envelope protein E2 of hepatitis C virus (HCV) are provided, useful in obtaining antibodies and raising an immune response cross-reactive against different strains of HCV.